

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1275

By Yokley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Shannon Grooms for being named one of Tennessee's top principals by the Education Consumers Foundation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding leaders who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shannon Grooms is one such estimable educational administrator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the principal of Grassy Fork Elementary School for the past nine years, Dr. Grooms was recently named one of Tennessee's top principals by the Education Consumers Foundation at the annual Value-Added Achievement Awards in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, out of the more than 1,300 public elementary and middle schools in Tennessee, only eighteen principals were selected for this prestigious honor; the recipients were chosen based on the three-year value-added gains made in reading/language arts and math, with the third place award in the middle school category for East Tennessee bestowed upon Dr. Grooms; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shannon Grooms is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who has worked assiduously throughout his career in education to motivate his students, teachers, and staff to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, under his outstanding leadership at Grassy Fork, the school now boasts a culture of performance, where the advancement of the students' knowledge and skills are given top priority; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Dr. Grooms is most appreciative of the love and support of his wife, Kathy, and their two children, Will and Sarah Beth; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shannon Grooms truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues, faculty, staff, and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Grooms epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dr. Shannon Grooms on being named one of Tennessee's top principals by the Education Consumers Foundation, commend his exceptional service to public education and the students of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.